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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:30 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Vicente C. Sotto III, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Joel Villanueva led the prayer, to wit:

Dakilang Diyos, Ama naming sumasalangit, Diyos na may gawa ng langit at lupa, kami po ay lumalapit at naninikluhod sa Inyong paanan. Inaamin po namin na wala kaming magagawa kung wala po Kayo sa amin.

Basbasan Ninyo po ang araw na ito at hinihingi rin po namin ng tawad ang anumang kalikuan, pagkukulang o kasalanan, sinasadya man ito o hindi.

Patawarin Ninyo po kami at linisin ng Inyong banal na dugo na nabuo sa Krus ng Kalbaryo at tulungan Ninyo po kami sa araw na ito na magampanan ang aming tungkulin bilang mga senador ng Republika ng Pilipinas.

Paggpalain Mo ang bawat isa; bigyan Mo kami ng kalakasan, kalusugan at katalinuhan para magawa namin at magampanan ang Inyong tungkulin na ipinataw sa bawat isa po sa amin.

Marami pong salamat; maingat po naming ibinabalik sa Iyo ang lahat ng kapurihan, kaluwalhatian at karangalan sa tanging pangalan ng aming Panginoong Hesus.

Ang lahat po ay makiisa at magsabi ng "Amen."

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Senate Choir led the singing of the national anthem.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Senate President, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Myra Marie D. Villarica, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, S.	Pacquiao, E. M. D.
Binay, M. L. N. S	Pangilinan, F. N.
Cayetano, P. S.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Dela Rosa, R. B. M.	Poe, G.
Drilon, F. M.	Recto, R. G.
Gatchalian, W.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Go, C. L. T.	Sotto III, V. C.
Gordon, R. J.	Tolentino, F. T. N
Hontiveros, R.	Villanueva, J.
Lacson, P. M.	Villar, C. A.
Lapid, M. L. M	Zubiri, J. M. F.
Marcos, I. R.	



With 23 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator De Lima was unable to attend the session as she was under detention.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 18 (September 4, 2019) and considered it approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Zubiri acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- The family of the late George S. K. Ty – wife Mary Vy Ty and children - Arthur, Alfred, Anjanette and Alesandra;
- The Metrobank Foundation’s Ten Outstanding Filipino awardees led by Mr. Aniceto Sobrepeña, Foundation president; and
- John Riel Casimiro, WBO Bantamweight champion; Pedro Taduran, IBF Minimum Weight champion; Sean Gibbons, president of Manny Pacquiao Promotions; and Art Monis, president of Hardstone Boxing Promotions

Senate President Sotto welcomed the guests to the Senate.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 87, entitled

RESOLUTION POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING DR. GEORGE S.K. TY FOR HIS PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS.

With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

The Chair recognized Senator Drilon for the sponsorship.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR DRILON

Senator Drilon stated that it was an honor for him to sponsor Proposed Senate Resolution No. 87 posthumously honoring Dr. George Siao Kian Ty for his philanthropic contributions.

The full text of Senator Drilon's sponsorship speech follows:

Much has been said and written about the life and work of Dr. George S. K. Ty: an astute businessman who successfully built a business empire, a philanthropist whose generosity knew no bounds. His inspiring life and work are the stuff that good books and movies are made of.

Dr. George S. K. Ty lived a life marked by hard work, dedication to excellence, generosity, and integrity. He was a visionary, an icon, and a legend.

The greatness of Dr. Ty was not in the wealth and fortune he amassed in his lifetime, but on his innate kindness, compassion, benevolence, and respect for people's abilities and potential to succeed. He made the people around him feel important and valued. By recognizing talent, he motivated people to become better versions of themselves.

I first met Dr. Ty in 1975 when I was a 30-year old young and upstart lawyer. What started as a work relationship blossomed into a lifelong friendship that spanned more than four decades.

His wife, Mary, is also a good friend. Our friendship dates back to the time when I was advising her when she headed one of Metrobank's affiliated companies, the Plastics Group.

I have many treasured memories of Dr. Ty. He was a dear friend and *kumpadre* with whom I shared many milestones.

We were both conferred a Doctorate Degree, *Honoris Causa* by the University of the Philippines. We were also both conferred the *Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun* by Emperor Akihito of Japan in recognition of our respective contributions to strengthening Philippine-Japan relations.

Having known Dr. Ty up close, I saw in him a man who was a cut above the rest because of his sense of humanity. Long before human development became a buzzword, Dr. Ty believed and worked hard in developing people's potentials to give them a fair chance at life.

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Setting up the Metrobank Foundation in January 1979 is a testament to his generous spirit and sense of humanity. It was the Foundation's vision to be the country's premier corporate philanthropic organization contributing a significant impact on social development. The Foundation has since raised the bar in corporate social responsibility and philanthropy through its continuing programs in health, education, arts and livelihood, and in promoting and recognizing integrity and excellence in public service.

The Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos Award is an annual recognition of exemplary teachers, soldiers, and police officers for rendering service above and beyond their call of duties, guided by the theme "Beyond Excellence."

I had the honor of serving as chairman of the board of judges of Metrobank's search for outstanding teachers in 1991. Last Wednesday, September 4th, Metrobank Foundation honored the 2019 Ten Outstanding Filipinos chosen by a Board of Judges chaired by our colleague, Sen. Win Gatchalian.

In 2002, I initiated in this august Chamber the annual recognition of the awardees, which tradition we will once again observe in today's session.

The Metrobank Foundation also recognizes the talent and hard work of young Filipino artists through the Metrobank Art & Design Excellence (MADE) Competition.

Dr. George Ty believed in the transformative power of education. Since there are thousands of academically gifted but financially challenged students who need help, the Metrobank Foundation steps in to provide them with educational opportunities through its scholarship program.

The Ty family foundation, GT Foundation, is also investing heavily in education and health care.

Truly, Dr. S.K. Ty was a visionary business leader and an icon of philanthropy. His hard work did not merely turn a small bank into a vital economic backbone of the country but also trailblazed the way to corporate compassion and corporate social responsibility.

His legacies are here to stay. His heart for the community and lifelong mission to make a difference in the life of Filipinos and contribute to nation-building through the Metrobank and GT Foundations are passed on and live through his beloved wife Mary Ty, his sons Arthur and

Alfred Ty, daughters Anjanette T. Dy Buncio and Alessandra Ty who are all present this afternoon.

This year marks the 40th founding anniversary of the Metrobank Foundation, and it is but fitting to honor the man who started it all: the late Dr. George S.K. Ty.

I earnestly urge this august Body to adopt Proposed Senate Resolution No. 87 posthumously honoring Dr. George Siao Kian Ty for his philanthropic contributions.

COAUTHOR

Upon his request, Senate President Sotto was made coauthor of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 87.

ALL SENATORS AS COSPONSORS

Senator Zubiri manifested that all senators are cosponsors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 87.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 87 was adopted by the Body.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 3:44 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:47 p.m., the session was resumed.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 86, entitled

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING THE 2019 METRO-
BANK FOUNDATION TEN OUT-
STANDING FILIPINO AWARDEES,**



taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 88, 90, 102, 104 and 109.

With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

The Chair recognized Senator Gatchalian for the sponsorship.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR GATCHALIAN

Senator Gatchalian stated that he was sponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 86, and that in so doing, he would share with the Body the inspiring stories of 10 exemplary Filipino leaders who have earned the praise and acclamation of the august Chamber for their unwavering dedication to serving the country.

The full text of Senator Gatchalian's sponsorship speech follows:

Since 1985, the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated has recognized 665 outstanding Filipinos for their invaluable contributions to nation-building in the fields of education, civilian peacekeeping, and military defense. This year, we are proud to add 10 new members to the venerable roster of leaders who embody the spirit of "Beyond Excellence." They are respected teachers, trusted policemen, and veteran soldiers whose pursuit of excellence in their respective fields is surpassed only by their relentless fidelity to the noble imperative of service to their fellow Filipinos.

The awardees have been conferred with the trophy called "The Flame." In the words of the Foundation:

"The FLAME represents our outstanding Filipinos' tireless dedication to serve without counting the cost. It is excellence refined through seasons and struggles, shining brightly to touch hearts and transform minds. The FLAME is an inspiration and a challenge to become beacons of light for a better nation."

As the chairman of the Board of Judges for the 2019 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos, I have seen first-hand how the heroes we are honoring today truly embody the exaltant principles of the Flame. It is my distinct honor and privilege to commend our 2019 awardees. Allow me to introduce, individually, the Flames

that light the way for the future of our people, in recognition of the distinguished feats they have performed during their long careers in public service.

First among our four teacher awardees is **Western Visayas' Paragon of Inclusive Education, Teacher Dorothy S. Tarol, Ph.D.** from the Special Education-Integrated School for Exceptional Children in Iloilo City.

When she began to progressively lose her hearing at the age of 35, Dr. Tarol did not give up on herself, or her profession. Instead, applying the "principles-based resilience" that she lives by, she shifted her career to help people who were also experiencing what she had. Moving to the SPED-Integrated School for Exceptional Children, she became a champion for special education.

In 2011, she wrote an action research called "Buddy Mediated Instruction (BMI): Pivotal Strategy for Spelling and Social Skills for Children with Hearing Impairment." Focusing on the top two learning gaps of persons with hearing impairment, namely, spelling and social engagement, this innovative approach paired a quick learner with another who learns more slowly. By removing the concept of "tutor-tutee" and replacing it with "buddy," the discrimination and stigma is removed from the slower learner. This inclusive paradigm exemplifies Dr. Tarol's use of "reading as a weapon," as she would say: a weapon, perhaps, against the prejudice and bigotry that special learners often face.

Adapting Buddy Mediated Instruction to mother tongue teaching, Dr. Tarol's efforts have made BMI a cornerstone instructional strategy adopted by 178 schools in the DepEd divisions of Iloilo and Iloilo City. Dr. Tarol has also extended her efforts to introduce BMI to indigenous learners and persons deprived of liberty.

Our second awardee from the field of education is **Quezon City's Veteran Innovator in History Instruction, Teacher Cristina B. Cristobal, Ph.D.**

Throughout her 40-year career as a social science teacher, Dr. Cristobal has made her mark through the inventive reimaging of how history is taught at the Philippine Science High School-Main Campus.

Instead of forcing students to memorize facts and figures from textbooks, Dr. Cristobal created a new approach based on the direct reading of primary sources of history. In this way, students are provided opportunities to analyze documents, review data, and construct historical narratives firsthand. In Dr. Cristobal's



words: "History should not be seen as a collection of facts to memorize, but a subject that connects present issues with past events."

This novel method of history instruction is a strong model that serves as an example of how a more active, hands-on approach to studying history can provide infinitely more profound takeaways for students as they apply the lessons of the past to the current state of affairs.

In addition to this, Dr. Cristobal also established *Pisay Teach*, which, from 2010 to 2015, shared the best case teaching practices of PSHS-Main Campus with graduating education majors. *Pisay Teach* now lives on as *Buklod Guro*, a teacher training program which focuses on improving the quality of teaching in madaris or Islamic schools across Muslim Mindanao.

The next educator to be awarded is the **Philippines' foremost World War II historian, Prof. Ricardo T. Jose, Ph.D.**, of the University of the Philippines College of Social Sciences and Philosophy.

Dr. Jose has spent more than 40 years as a faculty member and former chair of the UP CSSP Department of History. Dr. Jose's claim to fame is that he is that he is widely recognized as the foremost authority on the history of World War II in the Philippines and Asia. A prolific writer and historian, Dr. Jose has established a body of work that will serve as the foundational literature on World War II studies for many years to come. "This awareness of the past," according to Dr. Jose, "would build a sense of pride and, hopefully, unity."

Dr. Jose is a fixture of the University of the Philippines and one of the most respected and sought-after professors. Known for bringing awe-inspiring historical artifacts to his class, as well as his lightheartedness but masterful lectures that always earn rave reviews from students, Dr. Jose has been awarded the *Natatanging Guro* award by the UP CSSP Student Council not once, but twice. This high regard from the students has solidified Dr. Jose's position as one of the most prominent social science professors in the country.

Lastly, but certainly not the least, among our educator awardees is the **Philippines' prime mover of Genomic Medicine and Education, Prof. Eva Marie C. Cutiongco-De La Paz, M.D.**, of the University of the Philippines College of Medicine.

Dr. Cutiongco-De La Paz is one of the pioneers of the emerging clinical subspecialty of clinical genetics and genomic medicine in the

Philippines. This is a critical field, according to Dr. Cutiongco-De La Paz, because it "seeks to answer the special needs of patients and families not met by any other existing specialties of medicine. Right now, in fact, Dr. Cutiongco-De La Paz is part of an international team of experts studying X-Linked Dystonia Parkinsonism — a little understood brain condition which affects some Filipino males whose mothers hail from the Panay group of islands. Her research is critical to finding ways to treat patients suffering from this debilitating illness.

An educator for 22 years now, she established, alongside Dr. Carmencita Padilla, a Clinical Genetics Fellowship Program — the first and only one of its kind teaching and training in the subspecialty of Genetics in the country. Before this program, Dr. Cutiongco-De La Paz was only one of two geneticists serving the entire Filipino population. Now, thanks to her dedication to medical education, there are now 16 geneticists serving 106 million Filipinos. This exponential growth in the number of geneticists means that our country now has better capabilities to crack the code of mysterious emerging diseases that can only be solved through genetics medicine.

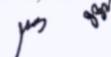
From the teachers, we move to the defenders of peace and order within our communities: the Flames of our police force.

The first awardee is **Camp Crame's Anti-Human Trafficking Crusader, Police Chief Master Sergeant Marsha T. Agustin, RSW**, an investigator and social worker with the Women and Children Protection Center at the Philippine National Police Headquarters.

A licensed social worker, Chief Master Sergeant Agustin took the road less travelled by her fellow social workers when she joined the PNP. Sixteen years later, it is clear that the road less travelled has taken Agustin and the PNP in the right direction, as she has pioneered a new investigative technique specifically tailored to suit the delicate needs of women and children who have been subjected to traumatic crimes.

The Social Worker-Police Investigative Technique in Handling Cases Involving Women and Children Victims, as it is now called, stems from the belief that investigation requires a heart. It is less about acquiring the necessary information for a criminal investigation, and more about giving a marginalized and traumatized person the voice they need to tell their story and come to terms with what has happened to them.

This technique, which values the protection of the victim above all other considerations, is a



manifestation of Chief Master Sergeant Agustin's compassionate training as a social worker. Chief Master Sergeant Agustin says that while "life may be difficult for many," she is "optimistic that there is a rainbow in the aftermath of any storm." Her life's work has helped countless people see that rainbow, no matter how tragic the circumstance is.

Next among our police force awardees is **PNP's Premier Cyber Cop, Police Major Robert A. Reyes**, a Technical Support Officer with the Counter-Intelligence Task Force at the Philippine National Police Headquarters.

Major Reyes, a 19-year veteran of the force, is actually a computer scientist by training. It is no surprise, then, to learn that Major Reyes is widely considered to be the PNP's Number One Cyber Cop. A pioneer member of the PNP Anti-Cybercrime Group in 2013, he has actually been fighting cybercrime long before the passage of the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012. One of his most notable achievements involved the identification and capture of the top Korean hacker from the Interpol Wanted List in 2011. Throughout his career, Major Reyes investigated over a hundred cybercrime cases.

More than being the PNP's top gun in the emerging field of cybercrime, Major Reyes says he wants to be remembered as "a mentor, a builder of better police officers, and a friend whom one can call anytime for assistance." This is the foundation of his pioneering role in the Counter-Intelligence Task Force which seeks to bolster public trust and confidence in the PNP by strengthening integrity among the force. Major Reyes is a respected mentor and educator within the police force, as he is one of the most sought-after lecturers for anti-cybercrime training with his fellow officers. Indeed, Major Reyes has played an irreplaceable role in training the next generation of cyber cops who will be able to protect the people from identity theft, online harassment, and other forms of cybercrime. In short, Philippine cyberspace is a significantly safer place than it was before, thanks to the efforts of Major Reyes.

The third and the final awardee from the police force is **Batangas' Vanguard of Public Safety, Police Colonel Edwin A. Quilates**, Provincial Director of Batangas Police Provincial Office in Camp Miguel C. Malvar.

Colonel Quilates, who is also a lawyer by profession, has served in the police force with distinction for 25 years now. The good colonel said: "Serving and protecting lives and properties have been my very source of fulfillment as bread and butter is to my life."

The work of Colonel Quilates has not only been personally fulfilling, however. It has also been fulfilling as well for Batangueños and the people of CALABARZON, who have enjoyed lower crime rates as a result of Colonel Quilates' signature, *Oplan Iron Curtain*. Implemented in 2018, the initiative streamlined the mobilization of police forces in and around Batangas during investigations and manhunts. This led to the swift apprehension of suspects involved in shooting and robbery incidents.

To Colonel Quilates, police work involves more than catching the bad guys. "I always try to become a catalyst for change, making ripples to inspire others," he has said. Certainly, Colonel Quilates has inspired change across Batangas Province through several outreach programs he has conducted, such as: the *Agapay Kabayan* Program, a community extension program which aims to provide basic needs and legal assistance to over 7,000 residents of Batangas City; the *Oplan Balik Armas*, which seeks to prevent the illegal possession of firearms among Batangueños; and the *Simula ng Pag-asa* or *SIPAG* Program for the rehabilitation of drug surrenderees into responsible citizens with renewed hope and purpose.

Next, let us go on to the stories of three Flames of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The first soldier awardee is **Marawi's Lead Explosive Ordnance Disposal Expert, Master Sergeant Ramil A. Caporas, Philippine Army**, Team Supervisor of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion, Army Support Command of the Philippine Army.

Master Sergeant Caporas is driven by his calling as an "instrument for peace," in his own words. In pursuit of this calling, however, Master Sergeant Caporas often finds himself in situations of great danger and violence as an explosive ordnance disposal or EOD expert.

During the five-month long Marawi Siege, Master Sergeant Caporas led the crack team of EOD experts in charge of recovering and disposing of improvised explosive devices and unexploded ordnances. His team safely removed over 1,000 IEDs over the five-month period. This played a critical role in ensuring the safety of our brave men and women in uniform on the battlefield.

Master Sergeant Caporas has also helped save the lives of civilians as well. The intervention of his team helped thwart a potential terrorist attack targeted at a school in Lamitan City, Basilan. We can only guess how many lives would have been endangered or even lost.

without the help of Master Sergeant Caporas. Truly, the courage and resilience of this man—who so often puts at risk life and limb for the benefit of others during his 21 years of service—is nothing short of extraordinary.

The second Flame of the AFP is the **Philippine Navy's Special Operations War-fighter, Major Romulo G. Dimayuga II, Philippine Navy, Marines**, former Operations and Training Officer of the Force Reconnaissance Group, Philippine Marine Corps.

According to Major Dimayuga, his early years as a Force Recon Marine “were marked with literal blood, sweat, and tears.” Indeed, throughout his storied career, Major Dimayuga has fought through it all.

He has fought through the jungles of Sulu, where his leadership as a platoon commander was instrumental in the infiltration of the Abu Sayyaf camp and the neutralization of its top leader in 2006.

He has also fought through the mountains and forests of Northern Palawan against communist rebels. His innovative approach to fighting the communist insurgency, which prioritized winning the hearts of the locals and offering rebels the chance to reintegrate themselves into society instead of bearing arms, was instrumental to the declaration of Palawan province as a Zone of Sustained Peace, Development, and Prosperity in 2014.

As if these were not enough, Major Dimayuga has even fought at the far reaches of the West Philippine Sea. From 2017 to 2018, he was Operations Officer of Marine Battalion Landing Team-12, which was in charge of conducting territorial defense of the Kalayaan Island Group in the West Philippine Sea.

Whether stationed in the mountains, in the jungle, or across the farthest stretches of the sea during his 17 years of service, Major Dimayuga has always served with honor and distinction matched by few soldiers of his age.

The third and final Flame of the AFP whose story I would like to share is AFP’s Community and Organizational Transformation Warrior, Lieutenant Colonel John Paul D. Baldomar, Philippine Army, Chief of the Current Operations Branch, Internal Security Operations Division (ISOD) of the Officer of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

While some soldiers serve at the frontlines of violent confrontations and bloody battles, Lieutenant Colonel Baldomar has spent 22 years

at the frontline of a different but equally harrowing battle: the fight against poverty and hopelessness within war-torn communities. As a Company Commander of the 37th Infantry Battalion, 6th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army, he went above and beyond the call of duty to serve the needs of internally displaced Tiruray families in Maguindanao.

The Tiruray community had been displaced from their ancestral lands by the lawless violence of illegal armed groups. Troubled by the terrible conditions in which the Tiruray refugees were living, Lieutenant Colonel Baldomar rallied his troops, local government units, and non-governmental organizations to implement community-building programs such as infrastructure development for schools, farm-to-market roads, and a place of worship.

Thanks in large part to the work of Lieutenant Colonel Baldomar, the original Tiruray community of 95 displaced families at Sitio Kyamko in 2001 has grown to a proud self-sufficient community of more than 300 families in Sitio Kyamko, Sitio Bagong, and Sitio Peris. These families are living proof of Baldomar’s patriotic fidelity to his stated purpose in life: “To serve others and fight for those who cannot defend themselves.”

The stories of the ten Flames I have introduced to you today are nothing short of the stuff of legend. I am humbled by the privilege of acknowledging and honoring their groundbreaking contributions in the field of public service. As their fellow public servant, I take their examples as inspiration to serve the people with as much vigor, devotion, and compassion as they have displayed throughout their long and distinguished careers.

And with that, allow me to leave you with the moving wisdom delivered by Lieutenant Colonel Baldomar during his response on behalf of the 2019 Outstanding Filipinos during the conferment ceremony:

“Let us always serve with this simple principle in life: Do not withhold good to those who need it, if it is in your capacity to do it. Let us always find joy in helping others and never hold back. There is no higher calling than to serve our country in any capacity that we can. There is nothing more fulfilling than to see the impact of our service in the lives of others.”

My colleagues in the Senate, please join me in saluting the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos of 2019 for their exemplary service.

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COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR VILLANUEVA

Senator Villanueva stated that it was an honor for him to cosponsor Proposed Senate Resolution No. 86, "Recognizing and Congratulating the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos of 2019."

The full text of Senator Villanueva's cosponsorship speech follows:

There are many Filipinos who make ripples of hope and inspiration and bring change to their communities. But it is not everyday that we get the chance to meet them and be inspired by their great works.

Today, we give recognition to the recipients of the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos of 2019 Award for their distinct contributions in the academe, military and police sectors. They are proof that in pockets of excellence across the country, we can see the chance for change materialize.

Pinatunayan po ito ng gurong si Dr. Dorothy Tarol sa paghahatid ng bagong pag-asaya sa buhay ng mga batang may hearing impairment sa Special Education-Integrated School for Exceptional Children sa Iloilo City. Gayundin ang gurong si Dr. Cristina Cristobal na gumagamit ng hands-on at first-hand data sa pagtuturo ng kasaysayan ng Pilipinas sa Philippine Science High School. Dahil po dito, makatitiyak tayo sa isang bagong henerasyon ng mga kabataang may matibay na pagkakakilanlang Pilipino.

Where both public office and private professional practice are experienced primarily in terms of ambition, prestige and power, these individuals are living witnesses to genuine and selfless service.

Ang guro at propesor na si Dr. Ricardo Jose ng University of the Philippines-Diliman ay may apatnapung taon ng gumagawa ng mga pananaliksik para punan ang patlang sa kasaysayan lalo na noong Ikalawang Digmaang Pandaigdig—isang karerang walang pangakong kayamanan subalit tunay na nagbigay ng pagkilala sa papel ng mga Pilipino sa kasaysayan ng mundo.

Hindi rin po nalalayo ang kwento ng guro at manggagamot na si Dr. Eva Maria C. Cutiongco-Dela Paz ng UP College of Medicine sa pagbubuhos niya ng oras at talino sa pananaliksik tungkol sa clinical genetics—hindi popular na larangan subalit gumagawa

ngayon ng ingay sa larangan ng medisina lalo na nang ilunsad ni Dr. Dela Paz, katuwang si Dr. Carmencita Padilla, ang Clinical Genetics Fellowship Training Program sa Philippine General Hospital.

Where even noble laws and principles both of public service and private practice are twisted and used for personal or political gains, these outstanding Filipinos show how dignified competency can transcend limitations and challenges.

Ito po ang pinatunayan ng ating mga alagad ng batas na sina Police Chief Master Sergeant Marsha Agustin, Police Major Robert Reyes at Police Colonel Edwin Quilates na ang matapat at marangal nilang pagtupad sa tungkulin ay nagbigay-daan para malutas ang human trafficking, cybercrime, at gawing crime-free ang ating mga komunidad.

The Metrobank Outstanding Filipinos witness by their lives that striving for individual excellence, personal enrichment, and exercise of leadership is one and the same as exercising selfless public service, empowering those in the society's peripheral fringes and helping vulnerable communities stand on their feet.

I believe that you all agree with me, this is what nation-building precisely means in the most practical terms.

Ang mga sundalong sina Master Sergeant Ramil Caporas, Major Romulo Dimayuga II at Lieutenant Colonel John Paul Baldomar ay simbolo ng katapangan ng mga Pilipino dahil sa kanilang dedikasyon laban sa terorismo, pagsasagawa ng mga counter-communist insurgency operations at pagpapanatili ng kapayapaan sa ating bayan na kanilang ginagawa kahit lampas-lampas na ito sa kanilang tungkulin bilang mga kawal ng bayan.

Thank you to the Metrobank Foundation for inspiring change, visioning change and leading change through its Outstanding Filipinos Award that exemplify the best in our people.

Ang bawat kwento ng ating sampung katangi-tanging Pilipinong narito ngayon sa Senado ay paghamon sa lahat ng mga Pilipino: Tibagin ang kultura at mentalidad na "PWEDE NA" na isang malaking hadlang para maipakita ang tunay na galing ng mga Pilipino sa iba't ibang larangan.

Kung ang sampung Pilipinong guro, pulis at sundalo ay nakagawa ng malilit na alon ng pagbabago dahil sa kanilang ipinakitang husay at galing sa kanilang propesyon, hindi

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ko po ipagtataka ang daluyong ng pagbabagong kayang gawin ng isandaang milyong Pilipinong nagkakaisa at sama-samang kumikilos para sa katuparan ng ating mga pangarap bilang isang lahi at bilang isang bansa.

Again, congratulations to the 2019 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos. May God bless us all.

COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR BINAY

Senator Binay stated that it was her privilege and honor to sponsor Senate Resolution 90—Honoring and Commending the Recipients of the 2019 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos.

The full text of Senator Binay's cosponsorship speech follows:

For decades now, the Metrobank Foundation has pursued its noble advocacy of granting recognition to men and women who stand tall in the most silent avenues of society.

Through awarding the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos, we are reminded that the fields of education, law enforcement, and military service are cornerstones of the nation's growth.

The minds and hearts of our young are formed by their parents and elders, but this learning is complemented and honed by teachers in the thousands of classrooms nationwide.

The harmony of our communities are maintained by the sound relations that neighbors maintain with each other, ensured and sometimes facilitated by the police officers that patrol our streets every day.

The integrity of our borders and the safety of our citizens from external threats are preserved by soldiers who stand watch while we sleep, and if called to, march towards what we flee from.

Dr. Dorothy S. Tarol, Dr. Cristina B. Cristobal, Dr. Ricardo T. Jose, and Dr. Eva Maria C. Cutiongco-de la Paz show us that teaching is not only a profession but a calling — that teaching not only requires time, skills and knowledge; it requires wholehearted dedication to educate and mold the minds of our youth.

Master Sergeant Ramil A. Caporas, Major Romulo G. Dimayuga II, and Lieutenant Colonel John Paul D. Baldomar exemplify our soldiers' gallantry on the battlefield and their efforts to preserve peace. I empathize with your sacrifice

to be separated from your families so you can accomplish your duty. *Kayo po ang halimbawa ng propesyunal na sundalong Filipino: matapang, tapat, at marangal.*

Police Chief Master Sergeant Marsha T. Agustin, Police Major Robert A. Reyes, and Police Colonel Edwin A. Quilates, meanwhile, prove to us that time and again, the brave members of our Philippine National Police are dedicated to their sworn duty to "serve and protect" the Filipino people.

Kinikilala natin ngayon ang talino, galing, at pagmamasakit ng mga lingkod bayan na naging totoo sa kanilang sinumpaang tungkilin na magturo at magkulma ng kaisipan ng ating mga kabataan; pagsilbihan at pangalagaan ang kapakanan ng bawat Pilipino; at protektahan ang ating Inang Bayan.

But beyond paying tribute to the lives and contributions of the awardees, I hope that this recognition challenges every Filipino to meet the bar of excellence that the awardees have surpassed in the pursuit of their respective callings.

In view of the foregoing, it is with utmost pride that I present to you this year's Metrobank Foundation 10 outstanding Filipinos and I earnestly urge this august Body to adopt Proposed Senate Resolution No. 90, honouring our 10 outstanding and upstanding Filipinos for 2019.

COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR PACQUIAO

Senator Pacquiao likewise joined his colleagues in congratulating and commending the 2019 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos, and in honoring them for their invaluable and exemplary service for the Filipinos.

The full text of Senator Pacquiao's cosponsorship speech follows:

We recognize the wisdom, skills, knowledge, contributions, and sacrifices of these modern-day heroes in their respective roles and their indispensable responsibility in shaping our communities. As Metrobank Foundation fellows in public service, they are provided with opportunities to be the salt and light in our communities.

The awardees embody excellence and integrity. They serve as inspiration not only to their fellow teachers, soldiers, and police officers, but to all of us. *Dapat silang tularan.*



To the awardees, may you continue to render public service with passion and dedication. May your tribe increase and may God grant you wisdom on how to maximize your cash incentive and your platform of influence.

Thank you and congratulations!

COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the insertion of his cosponsorship speech on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 86 into the Record of the Senate.

Following is the cosponsorship speech of Senator Zubiri:

As a public servant, I must thank this year's Metrobank Outstanding Filipinos for being our partner in uplifting the lives of the Filipino people. This year's winners have committed themselves completely to the service of others, and we can but emulate and celebrate them for such unwavering dedication.

To our outstanding teachers, thank you for your invaluable work in nation-building through the education of the Filipino youth. Your work, as made manifest in the achievements of your students, is truly foundational to our future.

To our outstanding soliders, thank you for courageously taking up the perilous task of protecting our people and our nation, sacrificing the comforts of home and safety for a larger cause.

To our outstanding police offivers, thank you for your work in upholding peace and order in our communities, creating safe and productive spaces for every Filipino

I trust that you will receive this Metrobank Award and the accompanying cash prize not only as recognition of your achievements, but also as a challenge to take your communities to greater heights. And I thank Metrobank for continually seeking out outstanding Filipinos and in doing so encouraging the whole nation to follow suit.

Again, my warmest congratulation to our awardees.

Mabuhay po kayo.

COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR LAPID

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no

objection, the Body approved the insertion of the sponsorship speech of Senator Lapid on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 86 into the Record of the Senate once submitted.

ALL SENATORS AS COSPONSORS

Senator Zubiri manifested that all senators are cosponsors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 86.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body adopted Proposed Senate Resolution No. 86, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 88, 90, 102, 104 and 109, subject to style.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 4:24 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:31 p.m., the session was resumed.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Senator Zubiri extended his personal congratulations to the awardees of the Metrobank Foundation and the family of the late George Ty.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary of the Senate read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1010, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE NON-REMITTANCE OF MANDATORY GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1011, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE POWER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN WASTE MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

To the Committees on Local Government; and Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change

Senate Bill No. 1012, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, BY EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS' POWERS OVER LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

To the Committees on Local Government; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1013, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL HEALTH BY MANDATING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY AND ALLOCATE FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

To the Committees on Local Government; Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1014, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT

NO. 8972 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1015, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE LAKE LANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND DUTIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Economic Affairs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1016, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016"

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1017, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION AND REFORM OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1018, entitled

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER AS THE PHILIPPINE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1019, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING AUTOMATIC PROMOTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES UPON RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1020, entitled

AN ACT CREATING HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1021, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL PROGRAM TO SUPPORT AND CARE FOR ABANDONED, NEGLECTED AND VOLUNTARILY COMMITTED CHILDREN, CREATING A SPECIAL TRUST FUND THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Finance

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 124, entitled

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONSULTANCY CONTRACT ISSUED BY THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) TO GLOBAL COMRCI, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT SUCH CONTRACT IS NOT DISADVANTAGEOUS TO THE GOVERNMENT

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

To the Committee on Games and Amusement

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 125, entitled

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO STUDY THE SYSTEM ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS INVOLVING ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH THE END VIEW OF DETERMINING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO STRENGTHEN THE SYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

To the Committee on Public Works

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 126, entitled

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS IN THE PROCUREMENT OF POWER SUPPLY

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BY DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES AND ITS EFFECT ON ELECTRICITY PRICES

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

To the Committee on Energy

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 127, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION FOR WINNING IN VARIOUS COMPETITIONS ON THE 2019 WORLD ROBOT GAMES HELD LAST AUGUST 29-31, 2019 IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND (RCEF) AS PROVIDED UNDER THE UNPROGRAMMED APPROPRIATIONS OF THE 2019 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA), THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS' TARIFF COLLECTIONS FROM IMPORTED RICE AS OF 31 AUGUST 2019, AND OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES, AS A SPECIAL EMERGENCY FUND FOR DIRECT CASH TRANSFERS TO RICE FARMERS

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Finance; and Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform

**OMNIBUS CHANGE
OF COMMITTEE REFERRAL**

Pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 9 which amended Section 13 of the *Rules*, upon motion of

Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral of bills and resolutions from the Committee on Agrarian Reform to the Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform; the change of referral of bills and resolutions from the Committee on Climate Change to the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change; and the change of referral of bills and resolutions from the Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation to the Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and Reconciliation

CHANGE OF COMMITTEE REFERRAL

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral of Senate Bill No. 37 (*Basic Education Teachers Pay*) and Senate Bill No. 104 (*Basic Education Teachers Pay Increase Act*) which were primarily referred to the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture and secondarily to the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation, instead to the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation as the primary committee, and to the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture as the secondary committee.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of the following day.

It was 4:38 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

ATTY. MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

Secretary of the Senate

Approved on September 10, 2019